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INFORM CONSULS

S.O. 12065:GDS 7/11/85 (B.H. READ)

TAGS: ASOC, PINR

SUBJECT: USE OF INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE SYSTEMS TO DISCUSS  
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

FOR COM FROM UNDER SECRETARY BEN READ

1. I AM INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER THE USE OF OPEN  
INTERNATIONAL TELEPHONE SYSTEMS BETWEEN OVERSEAS MISSIONS  
AND WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS SENSITIVE OR CLASSIFIED MATTERS.  
AS OVERSEAS TELEPHONE SERVICE IMPROVES AND DIRECT DIALING  
BECOMES MORE COMMON, I ANTICIPATE THAT THIS PRACTICE WILL  
GROW UNLESS WE UNDERTAKE URGENT AND STRINGENT MEASURES TO  
REVERSE IT.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONALLY BRINGING TO THE  
ATTENTION OF ALL OFFICERS OF AGENCIES REPRESENTED AT YOUR  
POST THE SERIOUS THREAT TO US INTERESTS WHICH PRESENTLY  
RESULTS FROM THE DISCUSSION OF SENSITIVE OR CLASSIFIED  
MATTERS ON OPEN TELEPHONE LINES. -AS YOU KNOW, WE MUST GO  
ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THESE CONVERSATIONS ARE REGULARLY  
MONITORED BY LOCAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICES AND BY THE WORLD-  
WIDE INTERCEPT ACTIVITIES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS  
ALLIES. THE WHOLE PROCESS OF INTERCEPTING TELEPHONE  
CONVERSATIONS HAS BEEN GREATLY SIMPLIFIED BY ADVANCED

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY. THE USE OF "DOUBLE TALK" AND  
"SANITIZATION" PROVIDES NO RPT NO SECURITY PROTECTION  
AGAINST THE REGULAR INTERCEPT AND ANALYSIS OF THESE  
CONVERSATIONS BY EXPERIENCED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE FOREIGN  
MONITORS.

3. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL MAKE EVERYEFFORT TO ENSURE THAT  
OFFICERS AT YOUR POST COMMUNICATE ON SENSITIVE OR  
CLASSIFIED MATTERS ONLY BY SECURE VOICE IF AVAILABLE,  
BY SECURE CABLE TRAFFIC, OR BY CLASSIFIED POUCH.

4. THIS MESSAGE IS ALSO BEING CIRCULATED THROUGHOUT THE  
DEPARTMENT AS PART OF OUR EFFORTS TO TIGHTEN UP SECURITY  
AT THIS END. CHRISTOPHER

UNQUOTE SIGNED DEAN VANCE

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